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PETITION TO ACCEPT COLOR DRAWINGS
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Filed herewith are Figs. 2(a) to 2(h) of this application. As required, three sets of these color drawings are attached.

The color drawings are necessary because they are the only practical medium by which certain aspects of the subject matter sought to be patented may be disclosed. Each color drawing qualitatively depicts how a fiber array adhesive portion changes during environmental testing. Figs. 2a to 2d each show a construction of the present invention while Figs. 2e to 2h show conventional constructions.

A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith to incorporate references to the color drawings, labeled 2a to 2h.

Attached is the appropriate fee set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) in the amount of \$130.00.

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